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04-3J4404
04-Sol-12-R23.5/25.5
B.O. 5/10/16

Dear Mr. Souder:

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Caltrans reviewed the bid documents as well as the protest and Caltrans does not agree that George Reed's bid is mathematically unbalanced. As you are aware, George Reed is a producer of the material and Valley Slurry Seal an affiliate of George Reed is providing the rubberized binder. Given these two factors, George Reed is able to obtain the product at a reduced cost which may exclude any profit and overhead.

Based on the above, Caltrans will proceed to award this contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

If you have any questions, please contact Mulissa Smith, Contract Awards Manager, at (916) 227-6228.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jill Y. Sewell".

JILL Y. SEWELL

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